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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2, 4, and 7 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicant CANCELS claims 5 and 6.

Applicant greatly appreciates the allowance of claims 2, 4, and 7 by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner inadvertently indicated claim 7 as being rejected in the Advisory Action dated January 13, 2010, because claim 7 depends from allowed claim 2.

Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogino (U.S. 2003/0007227) in view of Toyoda (JP 11-120491). Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogino in view of Toyoda, and further in view of Prince et al. (U.S. 5,440,322).

As indicated above, Applicant has canceled claims 5 and 6 thus rendering rejections of claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogino in view of Toyoda and claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogino in view of Toyoda, and further in view of Prince et al. moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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